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SUBJECT:ASSISTANCE WITH CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

REF: KOTT-GOODMAN LETTER OF 12/29/77 (CC EMBASSY)

1. CONGRESSMAN IRELAND INTERESTED.
2. DEPARTMENT FORWARDED SUBJECT LETTER LATE DECEMBER 1977 (QUOTED BELOW) TO EMBASSY FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION AND REPLY TO JOSEPHINE GOODMAN. DEPARTMENT IS NOW IN RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN ANDY IRELAND ASKING DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE SINCE MS. GOODMAN HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY WORD FROM EMBASSY.
- 3.KOTT-GOODMAN LETTER OF DECEMBER 29 FOLLOWS: QUOTE
PRESIDENTCARTER HAS ASKED ME TO REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 21 (WHICH ONLY ARRIVED ON MY DESK THIS WEEK) CONCERNING THE TWENTY DRUMS OF HOSPITAL SUPPLIES SENT BY YOUR ORGANIZATION TO THE OGBOMOSHO BAPTIST HOSPITAL AND WHICH HAVE BEEN DETAINED IN NIGERIAN
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CUSTOMS. PARA I AM FORWARDING YOUR LETTER TO OUR EMBASSY IN LAGOS FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER. YOU SHOULD BE RECEIVING FURTHER COMMUNICATION DIRECTLY FROM OUR EMBASSY. UNQUOTE.

4. GOODMAN'S OCTOBER 21 LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT ASKS FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR 20

DRUMS OF HOSPITAL SUPPLIES FORWARDED IN APRIL 1977
AND FOUR OTHERS SENT IN DECEMBER 1976. BOTH ARE CON-
SIGNED TO: BAPTIST HOSPITAL, OGBOMOSHO, C/O CHRISTIAN
COUNCIL OF NIGERIA, SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT, 139
OGUNLANA STREET, SURULERE, LAGOS.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD INVESTIGATE AND REPORT RESULTS TO
DEPARTMENT PROMPTLY SO THAT WE MAY BE RESPONSIVE TO
BOTH CONGRESSMAN IRELAND AND MS. GOODMAN. VANCE

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